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FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS OFFICE  
FROM INS DIDIR FELDMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN 5-2-78 EDITION OF WASHINGTON POST  
QUOTE 'DOCTOR WARNS U.S. OF EXOTIC DISEASES BROUGHT BY REFUGEES'  
CHICAGO-AMERICAN PHYSICIANS YESTERDAY WERE WARNED TO BEWARE  
OF EXOTIC INFECTIOUS DISEASES THAT MAY BE CARRIED BY REFUGEES  
FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA AND AMERICANS WHO SERVED IN THAT AREA.  
PLAGUE, LEPROSY AND TUBERCULOSIS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FOUND IMPORTED  
TO THE UNITED STATES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND OTHER DISEASES  
MAY ALSO APPEAR IN FUTURE, ACCORDING TO A REPORT PUBLISHED HERE.  
DR. ELIZABETH BARRETT-CONNOR, OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,  
SAID SOME DISEASES MAY LIE DORMANT IN THE BODY FOR YEARS  
BEFORE FLARING UP, INCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS, LEPROSY, MALARIA,  
INTESTINAL PARASITES, ROUNDWORMS AND FLATWORMS. WRITING IN  
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THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION, SHE SAID SOUTHEAST ASIA AFFORDED EXPOSURE TO  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES THAT ARE UNCOMMON OR UNKNOWN IN NORTH  
AMERICA, AND PHYSICIANS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE  
SYMPTOMS OF THESE ILLNESSES. END QUOTE.  
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